60 White-st. He sailed from New-York on the Umbria on December 3.

William Mills is the handkerchief buyer for J. B Locke & Potts, of No. 83 Franklin-st. He went to Europe about two months ago on business for his firm. He lives at Mount Vernam, with his wife and a large family of children. Robert J. Beechinor is at the head of the silk department of A. S. Rosenthal & Co., of No. 409 Broomest. Mr. Beechinor also lives with his wife and family at Mount Vernon. He went to Europe about two months ago. James McColden, who is on the Umbria with his family, is a coal merchant. His place of business is at No. 79 Broad-st. His home is at No. 164 South Oxford-st., Brooklyn.

Miss Harriet Isabella Barnes, a sister of Thurlow Weed Barnes, of this city, is also one of the Umbria's passengers.

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A MORE HOPEFUL FEELING IN LONDON. THE NEWS OF THE SPEAKING OF THE UMBRIA ON CHRISTMAS BRINGS GREAT RELIEF-

HER QUEENSTOWN PASSENGERS. London, Dec. 29 .- The report that the Umbria had been spoken on December 26 and had signalled that the desired no assistance, though disabled, was received here late this afternoon from New-York. The news spread rapidly and removed a terrifice load of anxiety from those who have friends aboard. The officials and clerks at the office of the Cunard Company, though they have all slong maintained that the delay in the arrival of the Unbria was due to some disarrangement of her machinery, showed by their faces and cheery words that the dispatch from New-York had also brought great relief to them. grams reporting the fact that the steamer had been spoken were sent in every direction to the requested that they be informed at once of any new

The underwriters at Lloyds have been looking upon the Umbria as an extra hazardous risk. Yesterday reinsurance was effected upon her at the rate of 12 guineas premium, which is rather a high rate, but als morning 20 guineas was demanded. Some reinsurance was effected at the latter rate. As the day went on and no intelligence of the Umbria was recelved, the underwriters advanced the rate to 25

The value of the Umbria and her cargo is roughly estimated at £1,500,000, two thirds of which is insured in London, and the rest in Liverpool.

In an interview to day Mr. Paton, the London man ager of the Inman dane, declared that he did not feel the least anxiety for the safety of the Umbria, adding that he would not feel worried if he had a half-dozen friends abourd of her and she was out a week longer. said there was no doubt that her engines had broken down and that some other steamer had her The chances of her being spoken had been essened by the withdrawal of the steamers of the Inman, Guien and North German Lloyd lines from the transatlantic route. The manager of the Cunard Line expressed views similar to those of Mr. Paton and said he felt no anxiety whatever for the steamer. In addition to the passengers who salled on the Umbria from Liverpool whose names have already teen cabled, fourteen saloon, seven second-cabin and nineteen steerage passengers embarked on the steamer

The Umbria has on board 1,040 The steamer Assyrian, from Baltimore, and the White Star Liner Germanic, from New-York, were due at Queenstown this morning. Their arrival was cagerly awaited, as it was thought one of them might bring news of the Umbria. Special representative m the Cunard Company were sent to watch for these steamers. The Assyrian has not arrived. The termanic was signted off Brow Head this afternoon, but she was unable, on account of a heavy gale, to land passengers or mails at Queenstown, and pro-

ceeded direct for Liverpool. The fact that the Umbria was seen on December 21. burg-American Line steamer Moravia, was cabled here from New-Lork fast night, but this afforded no relief to those who have friends aboard. They argued that as the Umbria was then about half-way across the ocean, she was in the worst possible position to become crippled. in lattinde 49 north, longitude 38:65 west, by the Ham

HOW HE BROUGHT IN THE SCHOONER. "FRED" LAURIE TELLS HOW HE SAVED THE NEVA IN THE STORM.

Christmas Day, 1892, off the South Shoals, was a sorry day for British sallors, and a "dandy" British er, with a cargo that will soon be changed into good American eagles, became the prize of a plucky Yankee sailor man who belongs to the good American town of Stonington. He didn't cut her out from under the fire of British guns, but he did something nimost as hard. He brought her through a storm so it and abandoned her. Yesterday he brought his ing, mingled, as he said himself yesterday, with some considerable cussing, which had to take place

of oil in calming the seas, which it didn't do, not much. But it made us feel more contented." This American sallorman, lying at anchor off Red Hook, thus spun his yarn:

"I am Fred Laurie, mate that was of the American bark Chestina Redman, and capitain that is of the Eritish schooner Neva. We sailed from Rockport, Me., with a load of grantle. Struck a gale on Sunday morning of South Shoals that made the old bark jump. While she was a blowing and a shorting, long about evening, there comes a schooner in sight, salling in a most onaccountable unseamanlike way. Soon we see that on her rigging she is allying the widow's flag, and union down, by jove! hore down on her and come up under her stern. It was ticklish business In that roaring weather, and made harder by the way the schooner was acting. But finally we got near enough to half her, and her coptain shouts to our old that they want to be taken off. Couldn't imagine why, myself, for she boked as able a boat as I ever see, only going a little deep as though she had water aboard. Well, they started to put their boat over, and a sea caught it and smashed it to pieces. So we put our our boat and took them off, six men and the captain. I boarded her and found four and a half feet of water in the hold, with two pumps, one useless and one no good. But I thought I could save her, so I asked the Bridsh captain could I try. He kind of hemmed and hawed, but I went aboard with two men, Tom Benson and H. Pelican. The bark left us on Monday morning; after we had tinkered the pumps into shape, we pumped the schooner out in six hours. Then we put a foresall, forestaysall and storm trysall on her blew and we took them in. Then it lulled and we put a forestaysall, three Jibs and the mainsall on her. Then it came on to blow again, but we were tired of taking in the rags, so we only double-rected the mainsail and jammed her into it.

it would blow a big hole into this side of the world. We have to for twenty-four hours; then we come on here. I calculate that we three will make a right smart bit of cash out of that little yachting excursion. She's only a year old, and you can see she's a beauty, and she's worth \$12,000 if she's worth a red. And we didn't lose a splinter of her load of legwood, and there's 188 tons of it."

"Amen," said "Cap'n" David Roche, the Yankee shipper of the tug Mutual. He was "out" \$30, for the Down-East Yannee had beaten the New-York Yannee by that amount in a bargain of towing fees from Sandy Hook, and David felt annised at the other fellow's smartness, even if he was out of pocket by it. It was the first time "Cap'n" Roche ever "got left."

NO SKATING IN CENTRAL PARK

FORTUNATE THAN NEW-YORKERS. Local shaters are beginning to get vexed at the tardiness of the Park Commissioners in announcing shating on the lakes in Central Park. Many complaints were heard yesterday. Secretary Eurns, of the Park Board, was absent from his office, but his assistant said that every exertion was being made to open the skating as soon as possible. The lakes would be opened as soon as the officials were positive that there was no danger. He thought that five inches of ice were necessary to insure absolute safety.

"We receive a bulletin from the Park each day skating to-day. Whether there will be any skating or not to-morrow I cannot tell. The crowd which will rush to the park as soon as skating to the park as s will be a great one, and we cannot afford to take

Vigorous protests have been made in Brooklyn by skaters during the last two days because the lakes in skaters during the last two days because the lakes in word on this subject should be accepted as the final Prospect Park were kept closed. At 1 o'clock yes- decision of Boston yachtsmen. terday the red bull was holsted-denoting skating on the lakes of Erookiyn's popular park, as the ice was found to be six inches thick. Within an hour several hundred by s and girls had made their way to the Park, and as the afternoon advanced the crowd steadily ined. It was the first day of really good skuting which Brooklyn people have had on the lakes in two years, and both young and middle-aged entered into the sport with remarkable zest. Unless a thaw sets

Mr. Butcher went to England in November on a business trip, sailing on the Servia. Much anxiety was felt by Mr. Butcher's assistants vesterday. Mr. Butcher is unmarried. Ira L. Bursley is a wholesale dealer in liness at No. 60 White-st. He sailed from New-York on the Umbria on December 3.

In skating can be enjoyed for an indefinite period. But for the man who suggested ice grafting there might not have been skating at Prospect Park this might not have been shating have been filled in, and the rough edges were planed off yesterday. The warrous car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car lines running to the Park last night were various car last night night night not have been skating the park last night night not have been skating the park might not have been skating at Prospect Park this winter. All the open spaces have been filled in, and the rough edges were planed off yesterday. The various car lines running to the Park last night were thronged. Shating has been enjoyed at steamer's frond, a sheet of water just outside of the Purk, for several days. There may be some fee-rach racing on the great lake in Prospect Park in a day or two. There is also a scheme to have a baseball game on skates.

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Another large crowd visited Van Courtlandt and Crotona lakes yesterday, and the New York and Northern road was crowded with a merry throng during the afternoon and evening. The ice is kept in good condition with planes and brooms.

IT WILL BE A LITTLE COLDER TO DAY.

The dull gray winter weather of yesterday seemed to foretell the change which the Weather Bureau said last night was coming. Yesterday the average tem-perature was twenty degrees, and the weather prophets said last night that to-day would be a colder and then the temperature would drop from two to four degrees. This, they said, was due to a "general barometric depression."

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Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 20.—The weather here for the last four days has been the coldest known in Northern Alabama for twenty years. Snow has fallen all over the State. Robert Pickett, aged eightytwo, going to his home at North Birmingham, last night, was frozen to death in sight of his house.

AT ENGLISH PORTS AFTER STORMY VOYAGES. London, Dec. 29.—The Bruish steamer Beechdene, Captain Hampton, from New-Orleans December 2, vis Norfolk for Rotterdam, put into Plymouth to-day in distress. She reports having encountered terrific weather on the passage. A huge sea broke over the vessel on December 23 and caused considerable damage. carrying away two boats, smashing another boat and a portion of the bridge, bulwarks and wheelbox, and

The British steamer Bellagio, Captain Blacklock, from New-Orleans December 9, arrived at Liverpool to-day after a stormy voyage. Her stern and one of her boats were damaged.

THE LAHN REPORTED AT FIRE ISLAND. The North German Lloyd steamer Lahn, from Bremen, which is about twelve hours overdue, was reported off Fire Island at 11 o'clock last night.

WORK OF THE CHURCH CLUB.

IT WILL HAVE NO. 166 FIFTH-AVE. FOR A NEW HOME.

The work of the Church Club has become so great that last evening the members voted to secure per-manent headquarters in Fifth-ave. The organization is composed of laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this city, and it holds meetings every month for the purpose of discussing methods of church work. In its membership are many of the prominent business and professional men in New-York.

The meetings have generally been held in Clark's stnurant, where the club met last night. George Zabriskie, the president of the club, presided. The report of the Committee on Permanent Headquarters was presented by William Brisphan. The committee recommended that No. 146 Fifth-ave, be secured as the home of the club. After some discussion the report was adopted, and the committee was authorized to carry the negotiations to an end.

The new quarters of the Church Club will be fitted ap as soon as possible, and it is probable that the January meeting will be held there.

Some of the members of the club who were present last evening were: John Sabine Smith, Professor J. H. Van Maringe, Henry A. Oakley, John P. Faure, J. Ellecker Miller, J. H. Cole and G. G. L. Harison.

GOOD PLAYING AT THE CHESS CONTEST. The intercollegiate chess tournament was con

tinued yesterday afternoon and evening in the Berkeley schoolrooms, No. 20 West Forty-fourth-st. Edward Hymes, of Columbia, defeated Samuel Dickey, of Princeton, forcing him to resign in twenty-nine moves. In the second game, Arthur Bumstead, of Yale, was defeated by Sidney M. Ballou, of Harvard. One of the most interesting games of the day was

played by Edward Libaire, of Columbia, against Alburn E. Skinner, of Yale. Libaire opened the game with a Kings Knight's gambit, which Slatener accepted. This is the first gambit that has been accepted thus far during the contest. Libaire secured a good posttion and forced a victory by a few good strokes. The game between Boyd R. Ewing, of Princeton,

and George Benrett Wilson, of Harvard, was interesting. At the forty-fifth move, at 10 o'clock last night, then time was called, the referee, Samuel Lloyd, decided that Ewing, who played White, had won by P

The result of the centest yesterday puts Columbia at the head of the list with five games won and one nimost as hard. He brought her through a storm so great that her British crew gave up fighling against won and three and one-half games ket; Harvard, two it and abandoned her. Yesterday he brought his prize into this harbor, after four days of "tall" sall- tag noticely, as he said himself vesterday, with "quite contexts to day. Wilson will play against Hames, Dickey against Skinner.

THE CHARITY BALL AT YONKERS

The people of Yonkers last night held their annual Charity Eall in Teutonia Hall. It was largely at tended. The hall was handsomely decorated. The managers of the affair were; A. V. W. Jackson, chair man; Schuyler A. Bogart, H. O. Talmindee, Harr Hollbrook, Charles P. Enton, A. B. Holliday, Walter H. Hodgeman, R. P. Getty, Ir., E. L. Gould, John P. Upham, Thomas Ewing, It., Ernest L. Bogart, Percy Douglass, Anson Haldwin, E. de F. Saddons and Howard Chamberlin.

FOR THE NEW VIADUCT IN PARK AVE The Park Avenue Improvement Commission r 132 Park-ave, yesterday afternoon to open the the fron and mason work on the proposed elevate1 structhe from and mason work on the proposed clevatel struc-ture upon which the New-York Central tracks will be a placed when the structure is completed. This track will begin at One-hundred and-sixth-st, and run to One-huc-dred-and-forty-minth-st. The structure will be from fifteen to twenty-five feet high according to the grade, and the cost will be about \$3,000,000, including the handsom; new drawbridge over the Harl m River, which alone is estimated to cost \$1,500,000. It is estimated that it will take five years to complete the bridge. The lowest hid re-ceived for the furnishing of castiron bases for the elevated structure was that of the Allentown (Penn.) Foundry Company of \$16,650, and it was accepted. Over 1000,000 pounds of iron will be required. To John J. Hopper, of this city, was awarded the contract for the mason work, his bid being \$40,712. Other routine business was then transacted.

The full commission was present at this meeting, as follows: Charles W. Dayton, president; James H. Has-lin, secretary; John Fox Walter Katle, and George W. Birdsuil. A business meeting will be held on the after

THEY WANT A LARGER CITY HALL A public meeting was held last night in Jersey City under the auspices of the Jersey City Board of Trade, at which it was decided to ask the Legislature to increase the appropriation for a new City Hall from \$450,000 to \$800,000. The original amount was expended for site salaries, etc., until only \$240,000 was left for the building. The scheme now is to enlarge the plans and buy a whole block of land for the site, instead of half a block, and the resolutions adopted last night will be itted to the city boards and the Mayor as soon a

APPOINTED A COADJUTOR BISHOP.

Father Cushing, for three years assistant polest of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Plainfield, N. J., received yesterday afternoon a Papal bull from Rome appointing him coadjutor bishop of Western Colorado. He is forty years old, and once before had a similar offer but refused Futher Cushing has not decided whether he will se

ASA P. POTTER TO BE TRIED FIRST.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The Government has decided that Asa P. Poiter shall be tried first on the indictments charging him with falsely certifying checks for the firm of Irving A. Evans & Co., knowing at the time bank at the time the checks were drawn sufficient funds to meet them. There are lifty six counts in the indictment, which the court has held good, and thirty-two of the counts were quashed by Judge Putnam. It is not believed that the trial on this indictment

NO CUP-DEFENDER TO BE BUILT IN BOSTON. Boston, Dec. 29.-Charles Francis Adams, 2d, said to-day that there was no prospect of a Boston syndi-cate building an America's Cup-defender. Mr. Adams's

A COSTLY SCHOOL BUILDING BURNED. Minneapolis, Dec. 29 .- A dispatch to "The Tribune"

from Marshalltown, Iowa, says: "The High School building was destroyed by fire early this merning; less, \$100,000; insurance, \$95,000. The building was one of the finest educational institutions in the State. It was unoccupied at the time of the fire. No cause is known for the fire.

THE WASHINGTON POST" MAKES AN UNJUST ATTACK UPON WILLIAM HENRY SMITH IN CONNECTION WITH HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE MADISON

PAPERS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 29.—The recent "disclosures" in The Washington Post" regarding the existence of a "literary ring," with headquarters in Boston, New-York and Washington-"disclosures," by the way, which didn't disclose-are now said, upon the same authority, to have been inspired by William Henry smith, the well-known journalist, author and politician. This, at any rate, is the conclusion which any one reading an article in this morning's "Post" upon this subject must necessarily reach. Of course, the article does William Henry Smith gross injustice, for no on knowing him would for a single moment believe him capable of employing this method of "squaring accounts' with a man who has ceased to be an employe of the State Department for nearly three years. It likewise does injustice to Mr. Dwight, the official referred to as having, while holding the post of Librarian in the State Department, used his place to exploit, for his own interest and advantage and that of his friends, the various manuscripts and archives placed in his charge.

Mr. Dwight, who is at present the librarian of the Boston Public Library, is incapable of so dishonest, not to say childish, an action. William Henry Smith's indiscreet friends assert that, ever since Garfield's Administration he has tried, and tried in vain, to gain access to the so-called Madison papers. They maintain that their efforts "led to" the discovery that Mr. Dwight, the librarian, lived in the same house with Mr. Adams, of Boston, and was one of the latter's closest and most intimate friends. They " learned that Mr. Adams and Henry Cabot Lodge, together with some others, constituted the ring which obtained exclusive access to these docunts." It required, of course, no discoverer to ascertain the fact that Mr. Dwight lived with Mr Adams, nor that they were friends. It was known to everybody in Washington. But it did require some imagination to connect that fact with the existence of a "literary ring" whose sole object was apparently to antagonize William Henry Smith in his endeavor

to secure copies of the Madison papers.

An altogether different light is thrown upon this controversy by William E. Curtis, chief of the Bureau

of American Republics. He said to-day: Mr. Smith asked me during the Bayard Administration to make arrangements for him to obtain a copy of certain portions of the Madison papers. Mr. Bay and gave instructions to Mr. Dwight to furnish me every facility in this work. Mr. Dwight received me kindly and offered me a desk and stationery in the Library, and I selected a man to do the work. I wrote to Mr. Smith regarding what he had done, and he appeared very well satisfied. Then came the question as to what letters should be taken. Mr. smith asked to have all the Mad son letters which had not been previously published. I could not make the selection, the man I appointed could not, and Mr. Dwight refused to. He said that he would not under take to assume the responsibility for anyloidy, but that if Mr. smith would indicate what papers he wanted, the c'erk would make copies, but he was not going to select them for Mr. Smith or anybody else. I thought Mr. Dwight was right, and Mr. Smith thought so too, for he said that he would come over here, look over the papers and make the selections. The matter was then dropped. I did not hear any thing from him until Mr. Blaine came in. I do not member whether Mr. Bancroft or Mr. Dwight was

then Librarian. brown, the chief clerk of the State Department. They at me that I could copy any document I wanted, and showed me an alcove in the second story of the library, where there was a desk, and said I might have that place to work in. I saked if there was any ody there to make the copies, and Mr. Brown sugbody there to make the copies, and Mr. Brown sig-gested that I employ a well-known member of the Metropolitan Club, who at that time was out of sm-ployment. Then came the question again as to what documents should be copied. Mr. which asked for all that referred to a certain object in the Madison papers, which again brought up the same objection that was made before Mr. Iswind, or Mr. Hameroff, or whoever was Librarian. He declined to make the selec-tion, but said that Mr. Smith, or any one is might designate, could go through the papers and examine them for himself.

A LITTLE MORE SPACE SECURED.

EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE AT THE NEW-YORR POSTOFFICE.

Washington, Dec. 20.—At the request of Postma ter-General Wanamaker, A. B. Maze, the superintendent of mails in the New York City postoffice, came over from New York this morning and joined in a con-terence with the leading officials of the Postoffice Department as to what, if anything, further can be one to relieve the extreme pressure for room. In the

New York City post flice. Mr. Maze, in the course of the conference, stated that while there had been deposited in that office during the last few days about 7,000,000 pieces of null matter more than was deposited during the same matter more than period last year, yet there had been no unusual ac-cumulations, and at no time had there been what is known as a blockade. About forty additional clerks had been employed during the Christmas rush, and while the amount of matter mailed had been unprecedented, it had been handled with surprising prompt-

It was finally decided that the space under the idewalk on the Mail-st, aide of the postofice building night be utilized, and steps will be taken at once to put it in condition for occupancy. This space is about 150 feet long by eighteen feet wide, and with this extension every foot of space under the sidewalks on the three sides of the building will have been occu-pied. The fact is the New York City petidice actu-ally needs double the space it now has.

DE LESSEPS BEFORE CONGRESS. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IN 1879 DID NOT DIS-TRUST HIS HONESTY.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Following the allegation of wrong doing on the part of Count de Lesseps grow ing out of the Panama Canal scandat, comes the assertion that suspicion of his entire honesty was excited as far back as 1870 in the minds of members of Congress, and while the fact that smeatchen did exist enumet be verified, some interesting information that until now did not have its significance may be btained from a review of the history of the project in Congress. On December 19, 1879, the House of Representatives adopted a resolution empowering a select committee "to examine into the subject of the selection of a sulfable route for the con-struction of an interoceanic ship canal across the American Isthmus." Of the eleven members who served on the committee some are dead, while others have refired into obscurity, leaving only one remaining in Congress-Senator Prye, of Maine.

the trustworthliness of Count de Lesseps and his asso-ciates in the matter, as gained from the testimony of Be Lesseps and others before the select committee, Senator Five said his impressions of the inquiry were indistinct, but he was certain that he had no suspicion at the time that De Lesseps was not the honorable man he had always been represented to be.

"I had no suspicion that he was not entirely what he was represented to be," said the Senator, "until he changed the plan of the caual to one requiring the use of locks, after he had secured his subscriptions on the representation that it would be constructed on the simple plan of a sea-level canal. I believe that Lieutenant Kimball, of the Navy, who had spent some time on the isthmus, first placed suspicion in my mind. Count de Lesseps had been called on for a report showing progress, and Lieutenant Kimball told me that he had not represented the true conditions of the work of construction. The members of the committee were not, I am sure, suspicious of De

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the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. The inquiry developed in my mind only one conclusion, and that was that the Nicaragua Canal project was the better in fact the only practicable one. Other members of the committee were impressed with the Eads Ship Rallway plan. But whatever may have been the opinions of the

to discover the best route for a ship canal connecting

individual members of the committee in reference to the respective projects considered, the inquiry reulted in nothing more than the presentation to the House of a series of resolutions renfirming the Monroe Doctrine and making no recommendation concerning the merits of this or that project. Whether this negative action was the result of doubt as to the onesty of the promoters of the Panama project has not appeared to this day, and, judging from Senator Frye's belief, the members of the committee were not su-pictous, although it is reported that some other members of Congress were satisfied that De Lesseps purposely misled the committee. Agitation of the American status of the canal project may result in an investigation.

The only direct hearing on the Panama Canal scheme contained in the resolutions submitted to the House by the select committee on inquiry (and these resolutions were never adopted) was contained in the following language:

following language:

That it is the interest and right of the United States to have possession, direction, centred and government of any canal, railroad or other artificial communication to be constructed across the Isthmus connecting the American continents for the transfer of vessels and cargoes from the Carribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean, whether the same be built or constructed at Panama, Nicaragua, or elsewhere; and in view of the magnitude of this interest, it is the duty of the United States to Insist that if built and by whomsover the same may be begun, prosecuted or completed, and States to insist that it built and by whomsoever the same may be beyon, prosecuted or completed, and whatever the nationality of its corporators or the source of fleer capital, that the interest of the United States and their right to possess and control the said canal or other artificial communication will be asserted and maintained wherever in their opinion it shall be-

The published story regarding the Panama Canal and alleged expenditures of French money for purposes of corruption to this country was yesterday repudlated as false by the banking firms whose names were mentioned in connection with the alleged believes, sweeping declars were made under indignant protests that they should be deemed to be required.

MILLIONS OF PAPER MONEY DESTROYED. HOW THE THEASURY HAS PROFITED BY THE

DISAPPEARANCE OF CURRENCY. Washington, Dec. 29 .- In all that has been recently written about the depleted condition of the United states Treasury little or no account has been taken of he fact that with each passing year the Treasury is u arge gainer by the accidental desiruction of its out How much this amounts to the to means of definitely ascertaining. In an exhaustive begains on this subject made by United States Treasurer Hyatt it was estimated that the aggregate loss on all the twines, up to January, 1883, would not be less than \$8,700,000. This estimate did not include the fractional currency "shin-plastern." Secretary Sherman construed the act of June 21, 1879, as under various acts had been destroyed, and the debt way to Mercy Hospital, supposed to be Mrs. Carson, statement as broned monthly corries as a debt bearing no interest only \$6,000,462 62 of this fractional currency. inited States Treasurer Nebeker, however, carries the full amount on his books, and in his re-port this year states that more than \$15,000,000 of attending to their duty, and neither of them knew of this fractional currency is outstanding, although it

at likely to be presented for redemption approximates by these figures more than \$14,000,000. A recent estimate prepared in the Transary Department places the sum as 14th as 220,000,000. This money can only be taken out of the Hamilties of the Govern-ment by congressional constraint. This will prob-ship be attempted in the most fature. The investi-gations into the anglest larve assem that most of the

Washington, Dec. 29—in view of the talk about the maintenance of the gold reserve fined in the pedicary Committee of the gold reserve fined in the fadiciary Committee of the House in the had Committee of the House in the had Committee of the House in the had Committee of the House in which was another the first that her machinery is capable of standing the most severe test that the capable of standing the most severe test that the covernment will require. Her maximum revolutions were 155 a minute and her speed in those parts of the sent test of the sent are the course where the water was deepest, it is estimated the right of the sent are gold for resembled. o sell fonds at any time to socure gold for redemption purposes. The report was unde upon a resolution offered by Mr. Devkery, directing the Committee on Judiciary to report on the power con-ferred on the Secretary of the Treasury by the species estimption act of January 14, 1875. The report out betters to hold the necessary amount of steam as that Section 3 of the act reentemplated and was removed by their performance. Nearly all the their performance was removed by their performance. sign of first, the surplus revenues from time to time in the Treasury, and, second, the proceeds of the sale of bonds to the extent necessary to carry the sale of hoods to the extent covering and into full effect." The report adued: "There is no limitation upon the authority of the secretary of the Frenery to will bonds for the purposes of potenty thou maker this act, but the proceed herived from such sales cannot be used for other than relemption purposes."

TO SETTLE THE SENATE'S ORDER OF BUSINESS. Washington, Dec. 29 (special). The Republican enators will hold a caucus early next week to decide upon an order of business for the rest of the session So far practically nothing has been done, and it is highly desirable to have a definite plan of legislation to go to work on. As a first step, the cancus will probably decide to bring the Anti-option M1 promptly to a vote, as this measure now blocks the way of all other tusiness. Mr. Washburn says he can now show votes enough to pass the bill, and no forther dilatory opposition to it may be expected. No mancial or fariff legislation will be attempted, and the rest of the sesson will be given chicaly to ap-propolation bills and to routine measures on the calendar.

NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA WILL NOT FIGHT. Washington, Lee, 29.-The attention of the Nica-again Ministeria Washington, Senor Don Horacto taring that the boundary dispute between Costs Rien and Nichragun was assuming threatening dimen dons, and that hostillies between the two Republic

night begin at any moment. He said: "That Is all wrong, and I wish you would give it the fullest contradic ion. The quantion of the validity two countries was submitted to the arbitration of Mc Cleveland, and he decided in favor of the treaty That settled the dispute. When the question of running the boundary lines came up later, some fittle difficulties have arisen from time to time in details, but nothing of a character to threaten war or anything like it. Both countries-all Central American countries, in fact-are interested in the Nicaragua Canal, and the e reports might do us great injury if not contradicted. There is no truth in them. I certainly should know if there was, There has been a little wordy discussion, that is all.

MR. LAMBERTSON ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON. Washington, Dec. 29.-6, M. Lambertson, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, ar rived in this city this marning, and entered at one upon the discharge of his duties. He took the oath of office in Wisconsin some ten days ago. Mr. Lambertson was detained in the West by the death

"BILL" DALTON NOT A DEPUTY MARSHAL.

Washington, Dec. 29 .- Attorney-General Miller totay received a letter from United States Marshal Walker at Topeka, Kan., saying: "William Dalton does not now hold nor has he ever held a commission as Deputy United States Marshal for this district under me. 'Bob' and Emmett Dalton were deputies under Colonel Jones when I came into the office, and I retained them for a few months but removed them in the fall of 1889."

MONEY LACKING FOR THE PAGO-PAGO STATION. Washington, Dec. 20. The Navy Department has encounter derivative of state in its work of equipping the coaling station in the harbor of Page-Page, samen, recently acquired by the United States. At the last sealen of Coagre's an appropriation of \$100,000 was

fids were invited for the construction of an ron pier, which were opened last week. Seven bids were received, but the only two low enough to justify further consideration were those of B. McMahon & on, of San Francisco, at \$78,700, and the Coronade Machine Company, of San Diego, Cal., at \$84,500. Even these bids are in excess of available balance of the appropriation. The question now is, not which of the bids shall be accepted, but the best manner of supplying the deficiency in the appropriation. There are two ways of doing this, one by asking Congress for the amount, and the other by drawing on the general appropriation of \$220,000 for coaling stations. The Secretary of the Navy 15 Said to question seriously the propriety of the latter. The matter is now in the hands of Judge Advocate-General Lemly.

NO NEW "STEERING" COMMITTEE.

THE PRESENT ONE WILL WATCH THE WESTERN SENATORIAL CONTEST

Washington, Dec. 29 (Special).—Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, is authority for the announcement that Senator Sherman, the chairman of the Republican caucus, wiil not appoint a new "steering committee" to look after the Senatorial contests in the Western States, but will intrust that additional duty to the regular Republican "steering committee," selected at the last session. The five members of this com-mittee are Messrs. Hoar, McMil'an, Chandler, Teller During the recess only Senators and Mitchen. During the recess the town, and Chandler and Mitchell have remained in town, and nothing, of course, of importance has been done. Speaking to-day of the work of the committee, Mr. Mitchell said: "We are not assuming any unusual powers; on the contrary, we are acting simply as an advisory board and holding ourselves to give advice when called upon. The committee has held no meetings recently, but we are gathering all the Information we can and watching both sides of the cases, so that when the contests reach the Senate, as they will, perhaps we shall be in possession of the facts and understand their merits better than we should otherwise. There is really nothing new save that in two of the States at least, the courts have acted and in Wyoming the Democrats have and a point in the matter of the organization of the lower house of the Legislature. So far as the Republican members of the senate are concerned, it is their intention to see, so far as may be in their power, that the legal choice of each State is the man who will get into the Senate, regardless of what his politics may be."

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOLEVIS PLANS.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Assistant Secretary Soley said to-day that there is no truth in the report that he is to enter into a legal partnership with Secretary Tracy at the close of the present Administration. He

SLAUGHTER AT A CROSSING IN CHICAGO.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED AND MANY INJURED-A LOCOMOTIVE DASHES INTO A CROWDED STREET CAR.

Chicago, Dec. 29.-Four persons were killed and twice that number were injured, some of them seriously, is morning by the collision of a street-car and a omotive at Forty-seventh-st, and Stewart-ave. The street-car was crowded and was crossing the Fort Wayne Hallway tracks when a Fort Wayne train for the chief topic of discussion. The session occupied crashed into it so suddenly that the occupants had no the entire day, and when completed little had really time to escape. The conductor and engineer of the train and the watchmen at the crossing, of whom there were two, one on the tracks and the other in the signal tower, are under arrest. The dead are George Blaha, Fiftleth and Loom's sts., who died in a fiquor-shop near the scene just after the accident; Archibald NeAndrews, of Forty-seventh and Wood sts.; an unknown man found under the tender of the engine; an stating that \$8,375,534 of fractional currency Issued | unknown woman who died in a patrol wagon on the

as a card bearing that name was found in her pocket. That the accident was due to the grossest careless ness cannot be doubted. By their own statements the the caustrophe until after the crash and when the this fractional carrency is outstanding, although it has practically gone out of circulation, and little more than \$4,000 was presented for redemption last year. What is outstanding is held to a great extent by collectors of coins and paper calinets, and its value as such is greater than its face value as money. The aggregate of United Sintes currency, fractional and otherwise, estimated to have been destroyed and on the local property of the structural of the presented for redemption approach.

> can Francisco, Dec. 29.-The official trial of the new coast defence vessel Monterey will not occur ber of revolutions and thereby developing an increased horse-power. The vessel will go on the dry dock, and the present plich of the propellers, which horsepower development, and these indicated about 5,200, which is 200 less than the contract requirement. All doubt his to the capability of the Ward

DAMAGING TESTIMONY IN WARNER'S TRIAL. Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 29.-At the trial of defence was Daniel A. Sweeney, who met Warner as he was running away from the scene of the tragedy and identified him. After Warner was assured that sweeney was his friend, he said: "Some fellow was dding in the bushes on the South Pemberton road and made an attack on the Penk girls. I tried to help them, but he cut me here in the stomach," at the same time opening his waistcoat, but no wound was visible. Several witnesses were call I who testifled that Warner had told them two days before the murder that he was going to kill Lizzle Peak. After the murder, Charles Durand sold, Warner came to his house, called him up and soid: "I've killes Lizzie Peak; I stabbed her and left her in the road. Warner was then soher, but seemed worried.

The fact that the jury had visited the scene of the murder while taking a walk for exercise yesterday atternoon was then imported to the Court by Prosecutor findd. Judge Garrison said that unless the defence waived their objection to this action of he jury, the trial would end now. The defence fter learning that no one had spoken to the jury stille they were out, waived objection and the trial proceeded.

MORE THOUBLE IN THE IOPOLOBAMFO COLONY. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 29.-There is trouble ahead for ome men connected with the Sinalon colony Americans in Mexico. Notice has been given to the projector and head of the Topololampo scheme to appear before the board of directors at Enterprise, Kan., on January 2, and make arrangements to protect the coo colonists now there. The Kansas Sinaka Company, trustees for all the improvements that have een made, now in ists that all the credit scrip to nee to colonists shall be taken up, giving to them in ex-change money of the United States. The directors claim that the conditions of the grant from the Mexican Government have not been fulfilled, and that in-stend of attending to the practical details of a colony which needs careful business management, the executive officer has neglected it.

ONVINCED THAT MR. TUCKER KILLED HIMSULF. Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—There seems to be little doubt that David W. Tucker, of Milton, who is reported to have jumped from the deck of a steamer in Portland harbor on December 19, committed suicide, and a death notice in to day's paper indicates that his riends are convinced that such is the case. From investigations it is learned that he was financially embarrassed, and this is believed to have preyed upon his

DARTMOUTH'S GIFT FROM A RECLUSE.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—The announcement made by the president of Partmouth College that Dr. Ralph Batterfield, of Kansas City, had left \$185,000 to the college caused much surprise here. Nobody seemed o know who Dr. Butterfield was. After a long Health, the record of Dr. Butterfield's death and his



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late address was found. He had lived the life of a recluse for many years, and died in apparent poverty. He kept a second-hand shop on Grand-ave., and had no friends and few acquaintances. He had never been married, and nothing is known here of his ante-cedents. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1859. His property is valued at 8185,000 and by the terms of his will it all goes to his alma mater.

RAILWAY EMPLOYES IN CONFERENCE. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dec. 29.-The chief officers of the conductors', switchmen's, trainmen's, firemen's and telegraphers' associations have been holding a secret conference in this city to-day, with federatlor been accomplished beyond the fact that most of the representatives had shown they were in favor of some sort of union. Two plans were proposed to the conference: "National federation," binding on all the members wherever located, and "system federation," which would leave the members employed on tion," which would leave the members employed on any system of railroad to decide whether they would unite, and such union would be blading on them alone. Both were discussed at great length, but no decision could be reached. Finally a committee of one from each delegation was appointed to draft a plan and sub-mit it to merrow morning. Unless unanimous con-sent can be gained no federation will be formed.

MODERN LANGUAGE TOPICS DISCUSSED

Washington, Dec. 29.-The sessions of the tenta annual convention of the Modern Language Association of America continued today. The regular programme consisted of the reading of the following papers, and was carried out: "A Grouping of Figures of Speech, Based upon the Principle of Their Effectiveness, Professor Herbert E. Greene, Wells College, New-York; Guernsey, Its People and Dialect," by Dr. Edward S. Lewis, Princeton College, New-Jersey, and "The Burlesque Ballad in Germany," by Dr. C. Von Klenze, Cornell University; "Manuscript 24, 310 and other Manuscripts in the Paris National Library, which Contain French Metrical Versions of the Fables of Walter of England," by Professor T. Logie, Williams College, Massachusetts, and "Erasmus's Works, Especially Encomium Morias' and the Collegaics, as Sources of Batachaics codical, Relations and attency atticable. By Dr. Hermann Schoonfeld, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland, To-night Professor A. Meiville Bell, the president of the Phonetic Section, gave a reception to the members of the convention at his house.

THE COPLAY IRON WORKS IN TROUBLE Allentown, Penn., Dec. 29 .- J. D. Brodhead, of Bethlehem, and R. E. Wright, of this city, acting for the estate of Asa Packer, deceased, to the use E. P. Wilbur Trust Company, of Bethlehem, entered in the protonotary's office this morning an execution for \$50,000 against the Coplay Iron Company, of Ciplay. A mortgage for \$200,000 given by the old Lehigh Valley Iron Company in 1878 stands recorded; the term of fifteen years expires January 5. The mortgage is in favor of General William Lilly, in trust

ACKNOWLEDGING A COLLECTOR'S BRAVERY.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29 - "For corrigeous services and sidelley to duty in repelling train robbers on No. 4, near Huntington, W. Va., December 12, \$100," is the onuscial wording of a voncher just received by Collector W. A. Zingerlee, of the Cherapeake and Olio Railroad. It was inclosed in a letter from General Manager George W. Stevens, dated Richmond, Va., December 25, and was intended as a Christman, it for the brave collector who entered the car just after Oscar Tick had received his death wound and frightened the robbers from the train.

AROUND THE WOELD ON BICYCLES.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.-W. L. Sachteleben, of Alton, Ill., and Thomas G. Allen, of Ferguson, Mo., Alton, IR, and Thomas G. Aben, & Pegachiave narived here from Vancouver, B. C., after making a tour of the world on bicycles. They sailed from New-York on June 23, 1800, "Our first exploit, said sachteleben, "was the ascent of Mount Ararat. We are the first Americans who reached the log," They met with no annoyance from the natives in any of the countries passed through excepting China.

ILLINOIS STEEL MILLS TO SHET DOWN. Jollet, 111., Dec. 29.-The Illinois steel mills in this city will close down January 1 for repairs and to set the the scale of wages, as the present scale expires on December 31. It is thought the mills will not start until April. Over 2,000 men will be thrown out of work.

SHIPLEY WINS FROM LASKER IN 25 MOVES Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—Herr Lasker was beaten esterday by W. B. Shipley in a game insting for twenty live moves. The German expert played, by arrangement with his opponent, a variation of the steinitz Gambit, so far Lasker has suffered four detents in America, while he has gained thirty-six vic-

STREET RAILWAYS IN ALTON BOUGHT UP.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.-A syndicate composed of St. Louis, Mo., Der. 29.—A syndicate composed of Western stockholders of the Calcago, Rurlington and Quiney road, has purchased the structer lines of Alton. The whole system will be changed into electric lines and the power-house will supply electric lights for the city. New industries will be established and the idea in view is to make Alton a strong Chicago, Burllagton and Quiney point.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO A PENITENTIARY. Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 20.-Burghas broke into the Ononinga penitentiary carly yesterday murning. They scaled the wall with the aid of a ladder, got into the office of the belt shep and opened the outer doors of the safe, but could not get the inner doors of the safe, but could not get the inner doors of the safe. After ransacking the drawers of the desks they took a cheep clock and left.

BISHOP OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA CONSECRATED. Nashville, Tean., Dec. 29.-The Rev. Dr. William Crane Gray, rector of the Church of the Advent in this city, who was recently elected Bishop of Southern Florida by the Episcopal House of Eishops, was consecrated to day at the Charch of the Avent. Eshaps Collinard, of Tennessee, presided, and Bishop Weed, of Florida, preached the consecration sermon.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS. GILSEY—John Boyd Thacher, of Albany, GRAND—President Julius D. Dreher, of Romolie College, HOFF-MAN—Congressman Thomas J. Grary, of California HOLLAND—Congressman John L. Mitchell, of Wisconsin, MURRAY HILL—Senator Nuthan F. Diyon, of Rhode Land, PARK'S VENETE, Soundhardman Martin Schenck. Island. PARK'AVENUE-State Engineer Martin Schenck.

Travel to Chicago by the World's Fair Special-one of the great New-York Central model trains.